CAP-MR/DD Transition to Home Supports 10-31-08

As DHHS has moved towards implementation of the new CAP-MR/DD waivers we are pleased to hear that many participants and families are satisfied with the new Home Supports definition; although, we have received feedback from some family members indicating that Home Supports doesn't provide the needed flexibility for their family member. Some families have indicated that Home Supports does not allow participants to receive services from parents and family members in a manner that support the flexibility needed to continue to provide care for participants in the family home. In an effort to allow and support participants and families to make the transition to the new Home Supports definition, DHHS has decided to allow those participants and families, who are experiencing difficulties with the transition to Home Supports, the opportunity to continue to receive/provide services as indicated in the authorized Plan of Care in effective prior to 10-31-08, for up to 60 days or until January 1, 2009. This additional time for transition will allow DHHS time to consider the feedback and implications of the components of the Home Supports definition and determine if there are solutions to support flexibility while maintaining the financial integrity of the Home Supports definition and the federal requirements of the waivers.

Any participant/family, who is **NOT** experiencing difficulties with the transition to Home Supports and chooses to, may move forward with the transition based on the approved Plan of Care or Revision completed to be implemented 11-1-08.

In the case of participants who choose to continue to receive/provide services as indicated in the authorized Plan of Care in effective *prior to 10-31-08* (*prior to the transition to Home Supports*), and a Plan of Care Revision to add Home Supports has been submitted or approved by Value Options, a Plan of Care Revision will need to be completed to reflect this change, effective November 1, 2008 through January 1, 2009.